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Identical letters dated 18 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Government of Jordan rejects the baseless allegations that the representative of the Syrian regime levelled against my country at the meeting of the Security Council on 16 September 2015 and in the identical letters he addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2015/719).

The Syrian representative delivered a rash and inflammatory speech in the Security Council, and the language he used in that speech degraded and basely exploited the suffering of the victims of the conflict in Syria. The purpose of that speech was to absolve the Syrian regime of responsibility for the crimes that it is committing against its people and for their wretched plight, which has forced them to flee and seek refuge.

The Syrian representative will not succeed in his efforts to construct a new narrative that cites countering terrorism or external interference as a pretext, a narrative that contradicts the reality of what is happening in Syria. It should be noted that the primary cause of the humanitarian crisis in that country is the bloody practices of the Syrian regime and its ongoing violations of international humanitarian law and human rights. That crisis has created a hotbed for terrorism.

Jordan, which provides refuge for 1.4 million Syrians who have fled murder and destruction, is sparing no effort to arrive at a political solution that meets the legitimate demands of the Syrian people and brings about a political transition, in accordance with the communiqué of the first Geneva conference.

Since it became a non-permanent member of the Security Council, Jordan has sought to participate constructively and effectively in efforts to adopt resolutions concerning counter-terrorism. That participation is in keeping with Jordan's

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unwavering policy of countering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of its sources, because it is contrary to religious and moral teachings and values.

Jordan reaffirms that it has consistently fought against terrorism and extremism, and that all of its institutions will continue to confront terrorism comprehensively by stepping up their efforts and by coordinating and consulting with regional and international actors to consolidate stability and security in the region. In that connection, Jordan condemns the Syrian regime's persistent and futile attempts to smear it using baseless allegations. Jordan has in fact long been a model for counter-terrorism from every point of view.

Lastly, we should like to once again call on the international community to deal firmly and swiftly with the Syrian regime in order to ensure compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2199 (2015); the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189; and international humanitarian law and human rights principles.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 72 (c) and 108, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dina **Kawar**
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